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Docket No.: 29473/10277
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Darji et al.,

Application No.: 09/419,545

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: October 18, 1999

Examiner: S. Devi

For: ATTENUATED SALMONELLA STRAIN
USED AS A VEHICLE FOR ORAL
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2002 (Paper No. 17), rejecting claims 1-10, Applicants present the following amendments and remarks to be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified U.S. application.

AMENDMENTS

Please replace the present Abstract with the following:

--The present invention is directed to an attenuated *Salmonella* comprising a eukaryotic expression vector for delivery of the eukaryotic expression vector to a eukaryotic cell. Delivery may be to eukaryotic cells cultured *in vitro* or to cells *in vivo*, such as by oral administration of the attenuated *Salmonella* comprising the eukaryotic expression vector.--

In the specification:

Please insert the following paragraphs immediately before the paragraph starting with